

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting taking place at the Taylor Town Hall on:  
**August 14, 2018 at 7 p.m.**

Present

Supervisor: Bryce Wehner  
Councilmen: Riley Closson  
Theodore Law Jr. (TJ)  
Joey Pudney  
Harold R. Eltz (Russell)  
Clerk/Tax Collector: Jaymie Closson  
Highway Superintendent: Chris Smith  
Historian: Sharon Eltz

Absent

Accountant: Deborah Hubbard (Debbie)  
Justice: Rollan Elwood  
Planning Board Chair: Barb Allen  
Building/Code Enforcement: Michael Andersen (Mike)  
Others Present: Jeffrey Smith

Bryce called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Prior to the meeting the councilmen were given the chance to read and review July 2018 meeting minutes and also time to review, discuss and sign general and highway fund vouchers for August 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Republican Caucus will be held on August 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES DISCUSSION:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the July 2018 meeting minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
TJ Law	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	
Harold R. Eltz (Russell)	“aye”	CARRIED

**ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT DISCUSSION:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the accountant’s report as submitted by the Accountant was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”	
Riley Closson	“aye”	
TJ Law	“aye”	
Joey Pudney	“aye”	
Harold R. Eltz (Russell)	“aye”	CARRIED

**DISCUSSION OF VOUCHERS:**

None

**MOTION** to approve the August 2018 highway fund vouchers in the amount of \$7,525.57 was made by TJ Law and seconded by Joey Pudney.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Harold R. Eltz (Russell)	“aye”

CARRIED

**MOTION** to approve the August 2018 general fund vouchers in the amount of \$1,554.05 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”
Harold R. Eltz (Russell)	“aye”

CARRIED

Total Disbursement \$9,079.62

**DISCUSSION:**

- The county sent a letter stating that since Debbie is a certified accountant we are ok, but in the future if the supervisor decides to do their own books, they would have to be civil service tested.
- Our equalization rate is at 81%, doing the reassessment so hopefully it will be better after.
- Bryce to follow up with Fitts about when he is going to be starting.
- Lynn McUmbert is going to be doing the dog enumeration now. Remington did not have time before college.
- NYSEG was paid \$374 for the new pole electric at the new barn.
- Discussion about the money still owed to Beach Hill Construction on contract. Discussed about them moving the poles and raising the elevation to be adequate to build on. All agreed yes, to pay.
- Discussion about what the floor of the building is right now. Just gravel, could tamp in the future if needed.
- Still on the list for the LED street lights.
- Townline Bridge is considered a liability to the town; a pic-ax can go thru the wood very easily. This has become the town’s burden. The barriers are consistently being moved out of the way by someone. Highway put dirt in front of them to keep them from being moved, but it creates a ramp for 4-wheelers. Contento looked at it and said it would cost \$60,000 before looking at it. Larry Hill said he could remove it for \$35,000 to remove. Winter is coming and snowmobiles will attempt to cross it even with signs in place. All board members agreed that the bridge is an emergency liability to the town and needs to be removed. After removed Chris to make sure of proper signs in place on both sides of the bridge site.

**MOTION** to approve the emergency removal of the Town Line Bridge by Lawrence Hill of Evergreen Hills for the amount of \$35,000 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by Russell Eltz.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner	“aye”
Riley Closson	“aye”
TJ Law	“aye”
Joey Pudney	“aye”

- Judge Elwood said he needs a new phone for his office. All agreed that he could purchase one out of his budget and get reimbursement.

**PLANNING BOARD:**

- None

**BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: presented by Mike Andersen**

- Perry on Doran Hill – sent a letter. Gave him until next Friday to present plans on the deck and garage or Mike would be starting the process of eviction. He needs his deck completed in order to get his certificate of occupancy. He started building the garage before completing the deck. Told him it does not need to be cement floor for cold storage building. It will be specified on the Certificate of completion that is not for vehicles.
- Yale pool fencing has been started. They still need to have an electrical inspection; time limit is up on their permit.
- Brooks Hill – Witty’s pool is up with about a foot of water in it. Needs to have underground circuit.
- Moore on Elwood Road – double wide is in. sketch for the deck is coming. No power still.
- Lamb on Elwood Road would like to add a deck to his camp. Will apply for permit if decides to do so.
- McKee property on Union Valley Road – a mobile home has been moved onto a slab

**HIGHWAY: presented by Chris Smith**

- Dan Litter, DEC officer doing logging on Jipson Hill wanted to know where the town property line is. Real Property sent a map. They wanted to know if the town would be interested in giving 6/10 of a mile over to the state. Chris to find out what needs to be done to give it to the state.
- Clinton Tractor Sales – has a used mower for \$4,000
- Mower rented was junk, it is going back tomorrow. Will compare different options and bring back to the board.
- Stevensons has 1 available to use anytime for \$2,200 a week.
- Chris to make sure Clinton isn’t going to bill us, don’t want to pay for 2 mowers.
- Loader is back and fixed with the glass installed.
- International breaks are done
- NYSEG replaced a pole on Brooks Hill, now the ditch needs to be re-cleaned.

**ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:**

- none

**CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT: presented by Jaymie Closson**

- \$5.00 in DEC licenses. \$0.28 to town, \$4.72 to DEC

**MOTION** to appoint Jeffrey Smith as Town Supervisor effective September 1, 2018 was made by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner                      “aye”

Riley Closson                      “aye”

TJ Law                                “aye”

Joey Pudney                        “aye”

Harold R. Eltz (Russell)        “aye”

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:30 p.m. by Riley Closson and seconded by TJ Law.

Votes Cast:

Bryce Wehner

“aye”

Riley Closson

“aye”

TJ Law

“aye”

Joey Pudney

“aye”

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jaymie Closson*

Clerk